

Part 6. Rabies.

§ 130A-184. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) **Animal Control Officer.** – A city or county employee whose responsibility includes animal control. The term "Animal Control Officer" also includes agents of a private organization that is operating an animal shelter under contract with a city or county whenever those agents are performing animal control functions at the shelter.
- (2) **Cat.** – A domestic feline of the genus and species *Felis catus*.
- (3) **Certified rabies vaccinator.** – A person appointed and certified to administer rabies vaccine to animals in accordance with this Part.
- (4) **Dog.** – A domestic canine of the genus, species, and subspecies *Canis lupus familiaris*.
- (4a) **Feral.** – An animal that is not socialized.
- (4b) **Ferret.** – A domestic mammal of the genus, species, and subspecies *Mustela putorius furo*.
- (5) **Rabies vaccine.** – An animal rabies vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved for use in this State by the Commission.
- (6) **State Public Health Veterinarian.** – A person appointed by the Secretary to direct the State public health veterinary program.
- (6a) **Stray.** – An animal that meets both of the following conditions:
 - a. Is beyond the limits of confinement or lost.
 - b. Is not wearing any tags, microchips, tattoos, or other methods of identification.
- (7) **Vaccination.** – The administration of rabies vaccine by a person authorized to administer it under G.S. 130A-185. (1935, c. 122, s. 1; 1949, c. 645, s. 1; 1953, c. 876, s. 1; 1957, c. 1357, s. 3; 1973, c. 476, s. 128; 1983, c. 891, s. 2; 2009-304, s. 2; 2009-327, s. 1.)